

NC  Colonial

THE WASHINGTON HILTON

30sh 1748 xf  
20sh 1754 f  
15sh 1754 xf

Aug  
12/11

1sh NC 1754

£3 NC 1748

Fitzgerald Holdings

T. J. Fitzgerald  
Blossom Acres  
Vero Beach, Fla. 32960

Dec 10, 1969

Dear Mr Newman

I am sending you the enclosed clipping from Coen World so that you can answer a question for me.

On page 233 of your book "The Early Paper Money of America" you list this emission. I

No values are listed regarding these pieces and I am interested in knowing if any value can be attached to my particular piece.

I have a collection with at least one issue from each of the original thirteen colonies which I hope to show for the first time at the Fun Convention in Miami Jan of 1970.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 12, 1970

Mr. Thomas J. Fitzgerald  
Blossom Acres  
Vero Beach, Fla. 32960

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald:

Thank you for your nice comments with respect to Early Paper Money of America.

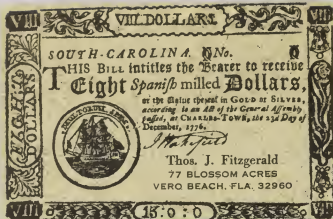
I remember seeing the note in COIN WORLD about which you are writing. The reason these notes were not valued is that counterfeits seem to be the only ones available and our effort was to value the original notes, primarily. Counterfeits of this nature, nevertheless, are most interesting and your bill could be worth from \$25 to \$100 depending on the interest that someone might have in it.

We hope we have been of service.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb



SOUTH-CAROLINA. No. 1  
THIS Bill entitles the Bearer to receive  
**Eight Spanish milled Dollars,**  
or the value thereof in Gold or Silver,  
according to an Act of the General Assembly  
passed at Charleston-Town, the 3rd Day of  
December, 1776.



*Thos. J. Fitzgerald*  
Thos. J. Fitzgerald  
77 BLOSSOM ACRES  
VERO BEACH, FLA. 32960

Sept 3 1971

Dear Mr Newman

Enclosed are the copies you requested. They did not reproduce as sharp as the originals but if they are not satisfactory I'm sure Mr. Flaherty at the Mass. Archives could do a better job for you.

I really enjoyed meeting you and discussing the different aspects of the early paper money. It was a benefit to me I'm sure.

Since returning and while there I had numerous requests from dealers for my P.C. notes. However I have no intention of disposing of all of them and as I couldn't actually pin anyone down to values other than a request from Frederick Weber for some at \$200 each and a value by Dick Hoover of \$350. I will trade with you at \$300 each for material I need based on the values in your book. If this arrangement is o.k. I can use the following

*Continental Currency*

May 10, 1775	820 <sup>00</sup>	V.F.	125 <sup>00</sup>
July 22, 1776	no C	UNC	30 <sup>00</sup>
Nov. 2, 1776	" "	UNC	35 <sup>00</sup>
Feb. 26, 1777	" "	UNC	42 <sup>00</sup>
May 20, 1778	" "	UNC	42 <sup>50</sup>
April 11, 1778	" "	V.F.	85 <sup>00</sup>

*Colonial Notes*

Massachusetts	8-18-1775	F	170 <sup>00</sup> (Sword in Hand)
Pennsylvania	3-20-1771	V.F.	60 <sup>00</sup>
Francis Hapkinson			\$592.50

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

October 12, 1971

Mr. Thomas J. Fitzgerald  
77 Blossom Acres  
Vero Beach, Florida 32960

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald:

You instructed me not to contact you before now as you would be out of town.

First of all, thank you, very much, for your kindness in sending me photocopies of the excerpts from the 1690 Massachusetts records. It is very nice to have these in my file and when the book is reprinted I would like to include a portion of them.

I know that you spread around your North Carolina pieces to a number of interested parties in connection with sale or exchange. Unfortunately, I did not receive either of the two unlisted pieces.

I would like to know whether you would enjoy having some 1778 Paul Revere Massachusetts pieces to make up the exchange. I do not have in duplicate some of the items you wanted but I do have a May 10, 1775 \$20 piece in nice appearing condition but, unfortunately, very fine is almost impossible to locate.

I enjoyed so much meeting you and listening to the way you get excitement out of numismatics. Discovery of new items is most satisfying, and to me, discovery of new information is equally satisfying.

I look forward to hearing from you on the foregoing matter.

I hope you had an excellent trip.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

October 18, 1971

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Many thanks for your prompt answer. Your letter came a few days after we arrived home from a very enjoyable summer in New England. It was my pleasure to be able to furnish you the copies on the 1690 Mass. emission. While on my way back I went to the Archives in Raleigh and checked out that 1759 note and Mr. Keith Straun will send you a copy as he did me.

Regarding the rest of my N.C. notes which you thought I sold in Washington. The two notes I sold to a fellow exhibitor were the least of the 1748-54 notes. The four 1771 notes which were damaged at the corners I sold to Dick Hooper who will be able to do some work on and get them back in circulation. The two I left with you are the only other ones I let go there. Since returning to Florida I have sold one each of the 1748-54 notes to a collector down here for \$350. each. At present the only other one I plan on disposing of is the 1759 rare one. They are interested in it at North Carolina but the only thing I told them as far as price is concerned is the appraisal of Bill Anton, \$1000. This is not what I would want for it but as I have received \$350. for the other notes I would think a realistic price would be around \$750. This piece should be in N.C. Archives but I am in no position financially to donate it to them as they suggest for a tax deduction which I don't have any worries about.

Regarding our trade. I already have two Paul Revere 1778 and five 1776 notes but if the 1778 is in fine I would be interested along with the May 10, 1775 C.C. Also I would like any of the S.C. intaglio notes or N.H. prior to 1780. Make me an interesting trade around \$600. Use your book prices as a guide.

Looking forward to your reply and with best wishes.

Very sincerely



Jan 29

Dear Mr Newman

Been waiting to hear from you regarding my N C notes but delayed writing to you thinking I might see you at the big Maine International Show

The situation as status quo on the rest of the notes I believe I told you I hold 1 each of the 1785-1754 for \$358<sup>00</sup> each

I am still looking for a Mass Sword in Hand and May 20, 1777 Continental or April 11, 1778 Yorktown.

Please advise on what your intentions are

Sincerely  
A J Fitzgall

February 14, 1972

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald,

I will answer your letter  
shortly. Please have faith.

Sincerely,

*From the desk of*  
*ERIC P. NEWMAN*



Feb. 17

Dear Mr Newman

I am a very trusting  
soul and have all the  
faith needed.

Cordially yours  
Tom Fitzgerald

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 3, 1972

Mr. Thomas J. Fitzgerald  
77 Blossom Acres  
Vero Beach, Florida 32960

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald:

I see that you are writing up the background of your 1759 N. C. piece for publication. It certainly deserves it. I appreciate your help on straightening out my book as to the matter. The session ended November 23, 1758 according to the chapter heading but apparently further action took place December 22, 1758.

As to your selling that 1759 bill, you suggested a realistic price of "around \$750". Please write me if you will sell it at 10% less than that sum. If so a check by return mail will be forthcoming. I want you to be satisfied.

As to our trade proposal, I am returning the 3 pound 1748 N.C. which is lovely and better than mine. For the 1754 one shilling I am enclosing an uncirculated 1778 3d Paul Revere note which I believe is a gem you will fully enjoy. If this is satisfactory, let me know when you write about the 1759 piece.

Many happy travels and many more discoveries.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN  
atb

April 6, 1972

Dear Mr Newman

Received the two notes  
Tuesday and there is no question  
about the condition of the 1778  
Maes note it is a real gem very  
similar to one I bought from  
Frenchie of Junction Beach in Dec.  
I only paid \$350<sup>00</sup> for that one  
so I do not feel it an even  
swap as I have sold one 1754  
for \$350<sup>00</sup> and have another  
trade going at \$300<sup>00</sup> I would  
hope you could send me something  
else to make up the difference.

Regarding the 1759 note  
I am waiting a reply from a  
collector who is interested in  
it a \$750<sup>00</sup>. This commitment  
was made several months ago  
but due to my correspondence  
with Barbara Mueller about  
the article there has been a  
delay in finalizing the deal.  
I also had another offer quite

similar to yours but if I can't  
get \$750<sup>00</sup> each I can trade for  
part and cash for the rest.

I'm open to offers if this  
other dealer bows out but he  
was very interested and has seen  
the note here in Florida.

I don't want to seem hard  
nosed about the trading but  
as I am limited financially I  
only <sup>have</sup> this way of improving my  
exhibit.

We leave for the north  
around the first of June so  
answer as soon as you can

Very best wishes  
Tom Fitzgerald

SPEED LETTER.

TO Tom Fitzgerald  
77 Blossom Acres  
Vero Beach Fla. 32960

FROM LEONARD FINN  
40 GREGORY Rd.  
W. Roxbury Mass 02132

SUBJECT ✓ Notes to Texas for 1748. NC.

THANKS for the Delaware notes - However I'm  
returning both - THE 20 SH. MESSAGE

DATE (4/19/72) 19

has a crease + the 6 SH. has bends in the lower corner  
I'm enclosing = 1/2 Dollar. 1776 - ✓ 6 - \* 75 - Rhode Island

60<sup>00</sup> Dol. 1777 - ✓ 6 - \* 55 - S. Carolina -

8<sup>00</sup> Dol. 1776 - ✓ 6 - \* 60 - S. Carolina

4 SH. 1776 - ✓ 6 - \* 80 - N. Hampshire

7<sup>00</sup> 1778 - ✓ 6 - \* 45 - YORKTOWN -

These total - 310<sup>00</sup> - I'll put the extra 15<sup>00</sup> towards the 1754 - NC

What price are you asking for it ?? Best wishes -  
Let me know how you feel about the finds.  
SIGNED Leonard

21919

DATE 19

May 7, 1972

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Due to the fact that I have not had a reply from the other collector after two letters I will accept your offer of \$675. for my 1759 N.C. note. However in accepting this offer I expect something more in the trade for the 1754 note which I spoke of in my last letter to you. The Mass. 1778 you sent me is numbered 5760 and the one I bought from French's is numbered 5762. Did yours come from the same source?

I have mixed emotions about selling this rare note which has afforded me a great deal of enjoyment and also the thrill every numismatist hopes for, that is the thrill of finding something rare. In disposing of it though it will give me some finances to pursue my hobby. Believe me this is the only reason I am selling as I do not have the income to get the material I want for my purposes.

The enclosed Zerox copy is of a trade I made for the 1748 note you returned and as you can see it is a bit more than what you sent me for the 1754 one. It will also afford you some knowledge to use in your next edition towards setting some prices on these notes. When can we expect this next one which we are all looking forward to?

Frankly I wish you had asked about this note before because I feel you will get much more enjoyment from it than the one that I corresponded with and who would have used it for what I feel publicity purposes.

Anxiously awaiting your reply, I am

Very sincerely yours

*Tom Fitzgerald*

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 22, 1972

Mr. Thomas J. Fitzgerald  
77 Blossom Acres  
Vero Beach, Florida 32960

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald:

You are indeed patient and there is enclosed a check for \$675.00 for the unique 1759 North Carolina 1 pound note. It is and will always be sincerely appreciated. You will be listed in the hoped for revision of Early Paper Money of America for your addition to knowledge in the field. It is two years off according to Ken Bressett. Happy hunting for many more finds.

Thank you for the suggestion as to pricing Colonial paper.

The close numbering of the 1778 Massachusetts items comes from the fact that about 100 years ago a few remainder sheets of the issue must have been found complete or were cut up in 1778 and had not been issued. I have reassembled a complete sheet and this is the only Revere sheet, cut or uncut, so far as I know. The notes are still quite rare and very popular.

As to your request for some extra value for your 1 shilling NC 1754, I'll send something shortly to make you happy. I am overwhelmed with writing a talk for the ANA, one for ANS, several articles in process, book preface, and authenticating coins which really are difficult - in addition to more complexities of business than I ever wanted to get involved in. How do you get out of the rat race when everything is going well.

My kindest regards,

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY



T. J. Fitzgerald  
77 Blossom Acres  
Vero Beach, Fla.  
32960

July 14, 1972

Dear Mr. Newman.

Enclosed is a poor copy of a note engraved by Paul Revere and pre dating the one you picture on page 153. The text is also different and appears to me to be another form of a guarantee note pursuant to the March 18, 1780 resolution of the Continental Congress. I just acquired this note along with a variety of Mass. Treasury Certificates. What do you think?

Wished I could have made it to New Orleans but I could not work it in this year but hopefully the good Lord willing I will show in Boston next year.

I have been looking forward to hearing from you regarding your promise of sending me something more for the 1754 N.C. notes in your letter of May 22.

Sincerely  
T. J. Fitzgerald



Sept 6 1971 ✓

Dear Mr Newman:

When I wrote you I had intended to enclose this proof of a note I saw when I was in the N.C. Archive earlier this year. However in the confines of our travel trailer I couldn't find it but came across it while preparing an exhibit for a bank in Worcester, Mass.

They are celebrating the 200 anniversary of the city and my exhibit is part of this bank's portion of that celebration. Very well received and a first attempt on my part, but now intend to continue to seek out interested businesses to use my exhibits for promotional purposes.

This monogram vignette would make it 3 for that 4<sup>th</sup> denomination

Sincerely  
Tom Fitzgerald

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 15, 1972

Mr. Thomas J. Fitzgerald  
77 Blossom Acres  
Vero Beach, Florida 32960

Dear Tom:

I had hoped to see you in New Orleans but, unfortunately, you could not make it. Boston will be another opportunity to get together.

Thank you for the photocopy of the North Carolina 4D of 1754. I have recently been informed of the existence of this piece and I now have a total of 16 notes issued with the date 1754. This sounds logical if the engraved plate contained 8 notes each. If different numbers of certain denominations were required, then it would have been pointless to print all of the 8. I am going to recheck the statute at my earliest opportunity to see what it says and then recalculate the issue based on my new knowledge to see if I can make logic out of it.

I have just been given the "green light" to go ahead with the Paper Money book and use all of the information which you and other nice people have helped to assemble.

As to the Massachusetts certificate which you sent, I will put it in my file but I cannot list certificates in the money catalogue.

I have not forgotten about your desire for an additional value in the exchange and will get to it. I have five talks in the next four weeks and correspondence is so exciting I never can catch up.

I am so glad that you are getting satisfaction out of exhibiting your collection in business enterprises as that is a fine way to reach the public and a good way for you to benefit from it.

My kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

*6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri*

January 19, 1973

Mr. Thomas J. Fitzgerald  
77 Blossom Acres  
Vero Beach, Florida 32960

Dear Tom:

You wrote me a letter a few days ago and I never got to read it. My wife put my mail for a couple of days into a lovely magazine basket. The basket was put next to my chair. The maid thought it was a waste basket.

I can guess the content of your letter and I am enclosing a one penny Borough of Elizabeth note of 1790 which I believe would be a nice exhibition item for your fine exhibits.

I have been working for the numismatic public's good very extensively with all kinds of meetings for the ARBC, the ANS, and work for the ANA. I have some work to do for the International Numismatic Congress, some authentication work, and some research, so that I hardly have time for collecting, which is what I so much enjoy.

Will you please write me over again whatever you wrote me, if it is still relevant. In the meantime I hope this nice little note straightens out our problem.

My kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

Jan 29

Mr P Newman  
6450 Cecil Ave  
St Louis Mo

Dear Mr Newman

The letter I sent you  
was as you guessed about the  
other piece of currency I was  
hoping for.

I received the interesting  
note o.k. but do not know  
really what I have as it is not  
listed in the book so would  
like some information regarding  
it. Is it Elizabeth II for what?

Anyway thank you and  
the good Lord willing hope to  
see you in Boston

Sincerely yours  
Ron Fitzgerald

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 5, 1973

Mr. Thomas J. Fitzgerald  
77 Blossom Acres  
Vero Beach, Florida 32960

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald:

I thought you would like the Elizabeth, New Jersey note.

In late 1789 there was a complete rejection of the copper coinage circulating on the East Coast such as Connecticut, New Jerseys, Novas, halfpence, etc. because of a glut. As a result certain private individuals, organizations and cities put out paper small change notes as an emergency issue. They dropped from circulation as soon as the Federal Mint coinage was adequate. I am going to write these up in Early Paper Money of America.

I am glad you like the bill and sent it to you because I thought it had a place in your historical panorama.

I look forward to seeing you in Boston.

Cordially,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

April 20

Dear Mr. Newman:

I just received my copy of "The Numismatist" and read a very interesting article on Colonial Notes. I note that the photos of notes were courtesy of Eric Newman.

Could I ask a favor of you regarding the future of the Mass. Dec. 19 1690 the favor would be a picture about full size of that note to include in my exhibit for A.N.A.

I am using the one in the Numismatist for a show in Daytona Beach where I'm trying my new layout but that one is small and I had to cut it out from the page. The picture would be included in the case that shows reproductions of the documents leading up to the first issue of paper money.

I would be happy to pay for any expense you go to if you decide favorably.

Sincerely  
Tom Fitzgerald

T. J. Fitzgerald  
77 Blossom Acres  
Vero Beach, Fla.  
32960

April 25, 1973

Dear Tom:

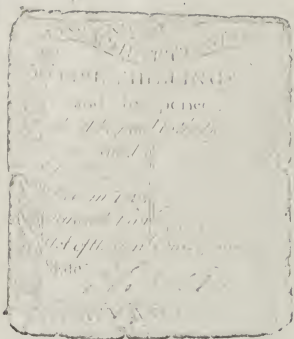
You flatter me by indicating that the notes pictured in Don Kagin's article are in my collection. He merely took them from my book and wanted to give me some credit. I was slightly embarrassed because I knew it would leave the wrong impression.

However the 1690 note which of course is an altered denomination ( all three surviving specimens are altered) was pictured for publicity purposes in Boston and I am enclosing a copy for your convenience. I hope it will serve your purpose.

My very best wishes and I am always glad to hear from you.

Cordially,

Tom Fitzgerald



Nov. 24 1913

Dear Mr Newman.

I am enclosing a proof copy of a note Mass. 1779 53 60 not listed on page 151. with the many other denominations of this issue. It may not be significant but thought you might be interested.

Could I ask the Newman Numismatic Education Society to give me an answer to a question I have asked A. N. A. and others and yet have not received a specific answer to. What would I include in an exhibit tentatively to be named "The Evolution of Paper Money?" Every answer has been different and I



really don't know where I find

Colonial, Continental, Broken Bank,  
Merchant scrip, Confederate,  
Large Bill and Contemporary.

What else should be included  
in your opinion? It would  
only be sort of a type exhibit  
so would not include Charter  
Notes etc.

Looking forward to the  
second edition of "The Early Paper  
Money of America".

Best wishes  
Tom

T. J. Fitzgerald  
77 Blossom Acres  
Vero Beach, Fla.  
32960

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

*6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri*

November 30, 1973

Mr. Thomas J. Fitzgerald  
77 Blossom Acres  
Vero Beach, Florida 32960

Dear Tom:

Thank you for your nice letter of November 24, 1973. The 1779 Massachusetts 5 shilling 6 pence note was correctly listed in the second printing of my book. It was impossible to find all the typographical errors.

As to your question as to the evolution of paper money, I presume you mean American paper money. You mentioned Colonial, Continental, State Banks, Merchant Scrip, Confederate, large U. S. and small U. S. I believe you should include state issues, city issues and county issues. I believe you should include John Smith checks and other clearing house issues. I think you should give the different types of paper money in all categories, such as stockholders' liability, certificates of deposit, silver certificates, gold certificates, U. S. notes, nationals, demand notes, and coin notes. In the colonials, you should show interest bearing notes, city notes, private notes, colony notes, as distinguished from state notes.

Not knowing what other answers you have received, I hope these thoughts might be of slight additional help.

Kindest regards,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

March 27 1975

Dear Tom Newman

The last time I saw you I was at A.M.C. and at that time you thought your second edition would be out in late '74 or early '75. What has happened and when can we expect to have the use of it?

I am anxious to see the two A.C. notes I discovered and you now own. The 1754 & 1759 emission representative

Regardless of what you read in the papers I am not disposing of my complete collection. My exhibits are still intact and only notes that I did not have further use for are included in the auction and I am sorry Ben True did not word the release differently.

I will write to L.P.M.C. and clear things up.

Happily waiting  
Tom Fitzgerald

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

*6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri*

April 2, 1975

Mr. Thomas J. Fitzgerald  
77 Blossom Acres  
Vero Beach, FL 32960

Dear Tom:

You were very nice to write me and I am glad that you are straightening out the auction matter.

The revision is over half complete and will probably be out late in 1975. I am enclosing for your convenience three of the North Carolina pages as they will be corrected as I know you will be most interested in them.

I hope our paths cross very soon. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

Encls.

August 10

Dear Mr Newman

Asahel back I wrote you about what material I should use in an exhibit I have been planning that would show the evolution of paper money in this country. I have had so many conflicting answers as what to include I have settled on showing just the 8 main categories.

Colonial, Continental, Bank of U.S or Bank of N.Y or Bank of Mass. Broken Banks, fractional, National, Confederate and present. I have everything but one of the notes of the period of the Bank of U.S., N.Y. Mass.

I have just finished reading the latest issue of A.D.N.C. magazine as I have been in the hospital for 23 days with surgery connected with a slipped disc and just catching up on my reading. The article by W.J. Harrison was most interesting and I notice he has mentioned your notes in this category. Can you help me to secure

one of these notes so that I  
may include it in my exhibit  
which I hope to show at A N A  
in 1977.

My surgery has kept me  
from A N A this year but I  
hope to show a type set of 1776  
paper money at the N. Y. Convention  
in 1976.

Please let me know if you  
know how I can get one of the  
notes and what I can expect to  
pay for it.

Contrary to reports I still  
have my three exhibits and did  
not dispose of them at the auction  
in April.

Looking forward to your  
revised edition of C. P. M. f. Am.

Best wishes  
Tom Fitzgerald

P.S. Please send reply to me at this  
other address as we are leaving for  
N. E. August 20

T. J. FITZGERALD  
50 BLOSSOM LANE  
MARLBOROUGH, MA 01752

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

*6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri*

August 18, 1975

Mr. T. J. Fitzgerald  
50 Blossom Lane  
Marlborough, MA 01752

Dear Tom:

It was nice to hear from you and I am glad you are recovering well.

I knew you didn't sell your exhibit collection but publicity by auction houses is often confused and intended to make things seem extra important.

I can always lend you an item for your exhibit if you need it. I will keep my eyes open for a 1790-1800 banknote for you. I do not sell pieces as you may know, but if you have something in trade I might part with an example to make you happy.

The "unknown" El 1758 N.C. item I bought from you turned up in three other examples so far. This always seems to happen.

I am working hard on E.P.M.O.A. and hope its adds to knowledge.

My kindest regards,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

September 10, 1976

Mr. Thomas J. Fitzgerald  
1060 U. S. #1  
Vero Beach, FL 32960

Dear Tom:

I am returning with thanks the \$10 Bank  
of the U.S. counterfeit which you were  
nice enough to lend me. In case you want  
to part with it, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah  
Encl.

*From the desk of*  
*ERIC P. NEWMAN*



March 21 1980

Eric P. Newman  
6450 Bell Ave  
St Louis Mo



T. J. Fitzgerald  
1060 U. S. 1 S. W. 85  
Vero Beach, FL 32960

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Dear Eric

I have been away from the exhibiting scene for quite awhile do to my wife's some confinement and I miss it very much. Did exhibit at the Florida State show in January in Orlando and until there is a change I will have to stay at the local level.

My reason for writing to you is that I came across a copper plate measuring  $7\frac{1}{8} \times 3\frac{3}{4}$  "incised with copy for a \$5.00 Bank of the United States note which reads

Cashier of the  
Bank of the United States  
Pay to C. H. Ernst Five Dollars  
Office of discount and deposit in Pittsburg  
10th day of Sept 1829  
J. Conroy Cash - A Brackenridge Pres.

There is no vignette at the top and on the left there is an engraved area running top to bottom with three unengraved areas that would ordinarily

have their portraits.

What can you tell me about  
this plate and if I can purchase  
it what should I offer the owner?

With best wishes for a good  
year and hoping to see you again one  
of these days I am

Respectfully  
Tom Fitzgerald

P. S.

I still have that Bank of the U. S.  
Counterfeit that you expressed interest  
in and do not exhibit it when I exhibit.

This is the note the disqualified me  
at Atlanta and I think it is in  
to not be able to exhibit notes of  
the obsolete class and steps should  
be taken to correct this ruling.

Counterfeits have a place in any  
exhibit of paper money and I have  
always had one in my exhibits  
but only at Atlanta was I penalized  
for it.

Tom

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

March 26, 1980

Mr. T. J. Fitzgerald  
1060 U. S. 1 S. W. 85  
Vero Beach, FL 32960

Dear Tom:

Your inquiry concerning the copper plate which you are in a position to obtain is at hand. It will take me a considerable amount of time to determine the details about the plate, but I am satisfied that it is a plate for a counterfeit as the genuine plate would not have the date filled in nor any signatures or the branch. There are approximately 100 counterfeits on the Second Bank of the United States. I have no idea what you should pay for the plate if you want it, but I would like to see ~~whether~~ a print from it or the original itself.

I certainly agree with you that counterfeits appropriately marked should be in an exhibit.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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May 2, 1980

Dear Eric

This is the plate I wrote to you about recently. You notice I rubbed white chalk on it to bring out the engraving.

I judge from your reply that this is an unfinished plate but perhaps you may have a better answer.

I would like to acquire it but have no idea what to offer. Do you or would you give me some idea of what I should pay for it.

Thanks a lot

Sincerely  
Tom Fitzgerald

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

May 19, 1980

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airmail post & insured  
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policy.*

Mr. Thomas Fitzgerald  
1060 U. S. 1 SW85  
Vero Beach, FL 32960

Dear Tom:

The Bank of the United States \$5 engraved copper plate dated September 1, 1829 arrived. The right end of the plate and the central top have no decoration as yet and the left end is partially cut. It is clearly a plate for crude counterfeits because the date, the branch, the payee and the signing officers names are cut into the plate instead of being filled in with ink by hand. This was a lazy counterfeiter at work.

The back of the plate has P. Murphy on it and also some other propaganda.

I have no more idea of what it is worth than you do. It is obviously rare, but appeals to a limited market. What you don't tell me is what it is offered for. Buy it if you like it and no one can say you overpaid or underpaid. Today's prices are ridiculous, but now no one is buying.

I am returning the item. Thanks for showing it to me.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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